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SUBJECT: FEA SPONSORED SURVEY OF US OPTIONS VIS-A-VIS  
INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES

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1. REPRESENTATIVE OF BURMAH OIL GROUP TELEPHONED US  
SEPTEMBER 9 TO ASK FOR BACKGROUND OF FEA SPONSORED  
STUDY OF OPTIONS OPEN TO U.S. GOVERNMENT VIS-A-VIS  
OIL COMPANIES INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM  
AFFAIRS. BURMAH REPRESENTATIVE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED  
LETTER FROM ROBERT KRUEGER OF LOS ANGELES LAW FIRM  
NOSSANA, WATERS, SCOTT, KRUEGER AND RIORDAN TO SAY THAT  
ON JUNE 28, 1974, THE FEA HAD MADE A CONTRACT WITH THE  
LAW FIRM TO STUDY THE "OPTIONS OPEN TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT  
VIS-A-VIS OIL COMPANIES INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM  
AFFAIRS." BURMAH SAID 14 QUESTIONS WERE POSED  
IN THE LETTER "THE ANSWER TO EACH OF WHICH WOULD  
REQUIRE A BOOK."

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2. BURMAH REP SAID THAT WHILE THEY HAD NO OBJECTION TO  
ANSWERING THE QUESTIONNAIRE BRIEFLY, IT WOULD PUT THEM

TO CONSIDERABLE TROUBLE AND EXPENSE AND BEFORE GOING TOO DEEPLY INTO THE ANSWERS TO ANY QUESTION, THEY WISHED TO ASSURE THEMSELVES THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO THE SURVEY AND INTENDED TO TAKE THE ANSWERS OF THE COMPANIES SERIOUSLY.

3. WE ARE REPLYING TO BURMAH DRAWING ON RELEVANT PARTS OF GUIDANCE IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT OTHER COMPANIES BASED IN BRITAIN HAVE RECEIVED SIMILAR LETTERS, AND WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE FURTHER QUESTIONS. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PROVIDE.  
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